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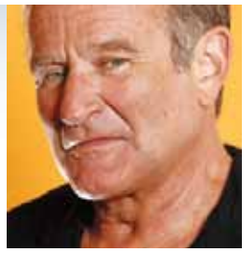

'Prince of Pot' back in Canada

Loud cheers and large clouds of pot smoke arose as Marc Emery, 56, returned home PAGE 10

American screen icon dead at 89

Lauren Bacall, the sultry-voiced actress who created movie magic with Humphrey Bogart, died Tuesday PAGES 12-13

Crime surges at city's lone skatepark: Cops

Concerns over drug use, drinking. Shaw Millennium Park could be shut at night

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At a glance

The largest outdoor park in North America of its kind, Shaw Millennium Park features 75,000 square feet of space to ride on and is estimated to host more than 35,000 visitors annually.

Brawls, drugs and alcohol are on the rise at Calgary's prime skateboarding destination, according to police, and a new online survey has floated the idea of closing the venue overnight.

Shaw Millennium Park first opened to skaters, BMX riders and scooter users in 2000 and is the only city-run park without a closing time.

But acting Insp. Kyle Grant said a lack of restrictions on when thrill-seekers can ride the rails and half-pipes has led to problems "constantly" for officers on his District 1 team.

Late at night, he said, the bulk of people at Millennium actually aren't using the venue the way it was intended at all and it's become the starting point for numerous "serious assaults."

"What happens is we see a lot of spillover from the park," he said. "I know there's security onsite now, so they'll ask people to leave. Then, the altercation that started in the park actually comes to a head outside the park."

The aftermath of drinking and drug use at the park can also put daytime users at risk, Grant said.

"If you have other people coming into the park in the morning before there's an opportunity to clean it up we'd hate to see somebody get hurt or exposed to something that they're not supposed to be," he said.

Allan Nearing, a division manager with the city parks department, said he was aware of police concerns, but cautioned that no decisions on changes would be made until public feedback was gathered.

"They (police) are indicating to us that they're allocating resources to the park far more than they used to, so it's time for a revisit," Nearing said.

Last week, his department launched an online survey that asks whether Millennium should be moved to standard park operating hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., as it was this past fall and winter.

Respondents are also asked whether the park's hours should shift during the summer months when it's busiest.

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ROCKING THE SADDLEDOME

Frontman Win Butler of Arcade Fire, one of Canada's hottest rock groups, performs at the Saddledome Tuesday night during the band's Reflektor tour. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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Williams left his mark on Calgary performers

Community mourns.
Late actor shot a portion of his movie RV in Alberta

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Calgary comedian Scoot Laird holds up a Disney Adventures Magazine featuring Robin Williams that he has kept since childhood. COURTESY SCOOT LAIRD

One of the great thrills of Daryl Makk's acting career was working with Robin Williams in Kananaskis in 2005.

As fate would have it, Makk was working in the exact same location when he learned Monday the 63-year-old Williams had died.

"I was on the exact same highway where we shot one of the RV scenes," Makk said, referring to the film they worked on. "I was there working on a movie.... It was a surreal moment, because the weather and everything was so similar as when we were there with the movie."

Williams was found dead in his California home on Monday, police said. A preliminary investigation indicates the death was suicide by asphyxia.

Members of the Calgary and area comedy scene said they were feeling the loss greatly Tuesday.

"I'm old enough to remember when he first appeared as Mork on Happy Days, on the Mork and Mindy show. He always made me laugh," Makk said, describing Williams as a warm and gracious man.

Calgary comedian Scoot Laird, meanwhile, said he'd been a fan of Williams ever since he was a kid.

"I grew up watching him," said Laird. "I didn't really think about it until last night just how much I've watched his stuff."

Williams and his movies helped Laird get through some of the tougher moments in his life. His parents divorced when he was 10, and Laird found a lot of enjoyment in Williams' work.

"(My dad and I) were at the checkout at Superstore or something, and they had a Disney Adventures magazine, and it had Robin Williams on the cover," recounts Laird, "He knew I was really sad because my parents were going through this separation, so he grabbed it and bought it and I've kept it forever."

Laird still has the magazine, pulling it out and going over it again when he heard the news.

"It's sad," he said. "He was very much like a movie dad. So much about him I could relate to my dad."

Another man sought

Charges laid over July clash between Palestinian, Israel demonstrations

Three people, including one young offender, have been charged in connection with a downtown Calgary demonstration.

Several injuries occurred after violence broke out at the demonstration, which saw pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian groups march at city hall on July 18.

Police were brought in to suppress the crowds.

Three people are now facing assault charges following an investigation. Charges are pending against a fourth person.

Facing charges are Aziz Mohammed Madi, 18, of Calgary, with two counts of assault; a 16-year-old male from Calgary, not able to be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, with one count of assault; and Arlsan Khan, 27, of Calgary, also with one count of assault.

Police continue to investigate the incident and are looking for a man who may have more information. He's described as having an olive skin tone, dark hair and a slim build and speaking with an accent.

He was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt with a DULUX logo on it, with white runners and a tan baseball cap. His clothing and hands were stained with white paint. METRO

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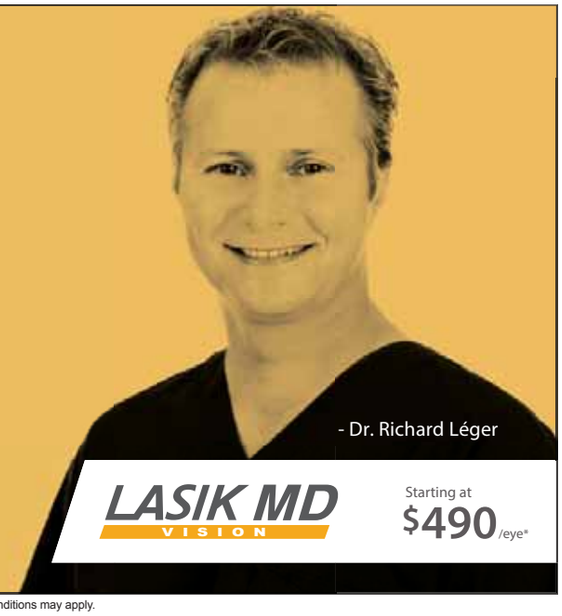

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CJSW now boasts Canada's best campus radio signal

Radio rally. Funds raised help pull station's signal out of the 'toilet'

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Station manager Myke Atkinson has heard reports of CJSW's tunes coming in loud and clear in Canmore, even as far away as the greater Lethbridge area.

It's the result of a major bump in his University of Calgary campus radio's signal to 18,000 watts in July, a move that now sees CJSW's broadcasting power reign supreme over any other station of its kind in Canada.

The signal boost was funded by a 2012 money-raising campaign that saw CJSW net in excess of $200,000. It became necessary when AMP Radio debuted in 2009 at 90.3 FM, a channel that was close to CJSW's 90.9 FM. AMP boasted a 100,000-watt signal; CJSW's was just 4,000.

"When 90.3 came on, our signal just went to the toilet," said Atkinson. He noted even some student dormitory dwellers at U of C struggled to get a clean signal and his own personal Walkman he carries for his stroll to work could never pick up the frequency.

"What this has done is it has cleaned it up.... The radio gods smiled on us a little bit and, somehow, our signal is reaching out in ways that 100,000 watts may be doing the same or not even quite," Atkinson said. "It's been pretty crazy."

It's been a bit of a roller-coaster year for the station after U of C students shot down a proposal in May to boost the per-semester levy to $6 from $5 to keep the station chugging. At the time, Atkinson deemed the result "pretty sad" and said it would cost $60,000 per year it had hoped to devote towards technology, training and website enhancements.

But Atkinson said the wattage boost will provide better exposure for CJSW's DJs, many of whom make their on-air debuts with the station.

"I think there's also just a lot of people that don't even know we exist, to be honest," he said. "A lot of digital tuners, when you're at 90.3 and you hit scan for the next station it will just go right by because our signal was so fuzzy. So, we might have just opened ourselves up to a lot of people just stumbling onto the fact that we even exist on the radio dial."

Podcast coming

CJSW is also ironing out the kinks on a web application that will automatically podcast all of its shows.

Myke Atkinson, station manager at CJSW, is seen working in the DJ role in April. METRO FILE

Police ticket 90 for walking on city road

Calgary police ticketed 90 pedestrians and gave verbal warnings to 40 more Tuesday morning for walking along a downtown road next to a sidewalk that's closed due to construction.

Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey said four officers spent two hours near the intersection of 7 Avenue and 5 Street SW following a string of complaints from motorists.

The sidewalk on the west side of 5 Street SW in that block is closed due to ongoing demolition work, he said, and there are signs directing pedestrians to use the sidewalk on the east side, but many have been ignoring it.

"They were just walking right down the roadway in the travel lane, as opposed to walking across the street to use the sidewalk," Stacey said. "So they were charged with failing to obey the direction of a traffic control sign."

The police action prompted a flurry of online discussion over the rights of pedestrians versus motorists, and the city's duty to ensure adequate pedestrian access in construction zones.

Traffic engineering manager Gord Elenko said the city doesn't have a written policy specifically governing sidewalk closures in construction zones.

But, he added: "We do look to accommodate all (transportation) modes as best we can."

That particular block is "very difficult to work around," Elenko said, given the "constrained area" and the added danger of falling debris during demolition work.

Still, he said the city transportation planners are "looking at how we can improve that area for pedestrians," including moving a bus stop to a new, temporary location in order to alleviate pedestrian volumes in the immediate area.

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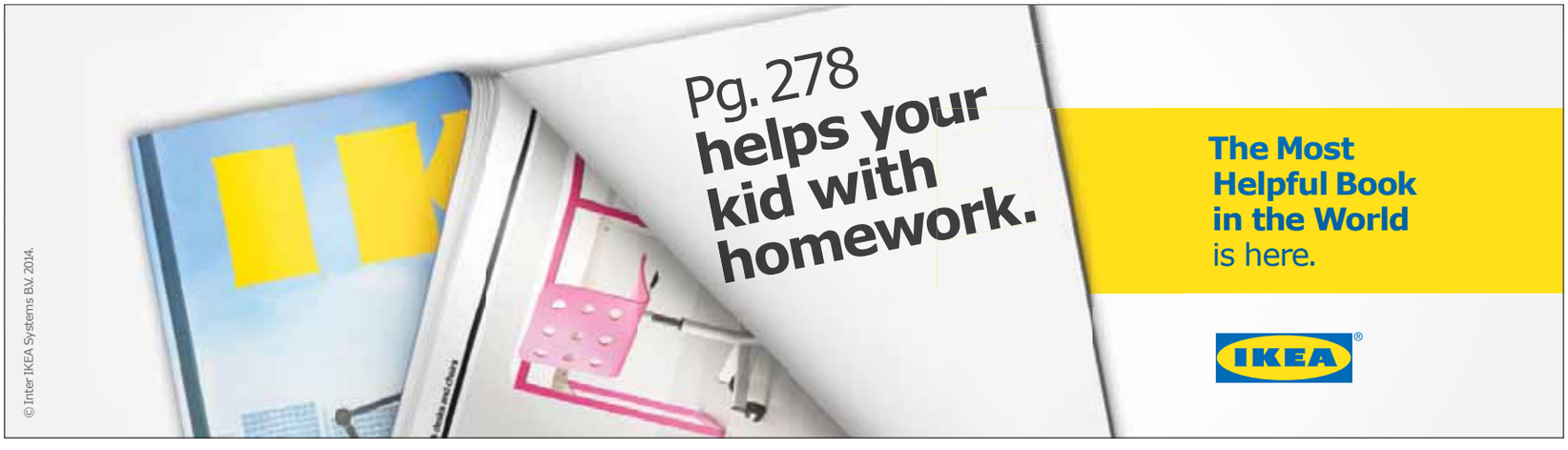

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Dîner en Blanc on the menu once again

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Pop-up. Location of massive public picnic won't be revealed till just before dinner

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A popular pop-up dinner is returning to Calgary in September.

Dîner en Blanc, a global flash-mob dining event, takes place Sept. 4 in Calgary, marking its second year in the city.

Diners who have been invited won't know the event's location until about 20 minutes before the dinner, said Calgary organizer Cory Edwards.

"They start at 10 different locations in the city and follow a group leader, whether they take a bus or a C-Train or a walking path, and will all converge in one secret location in a beautiful park setting," he said Tuesday.

Then, 3,000 people will set up for a picnic, dressed head-to-toe in white. En Blanc diners can bring their own meals from home for the picnic or choose a catered meal.

Dîner en Blanc was started in Paris in 1988 by Frenchman Francois Pasquier.

"When he returned home from travelling the world, he wanted to see all of his friends," Edwards said. "He couldn't facilitate having it in his house, and so held it in a park."

Since then, the epicurean dinner has spread all around the world, with events taking place in Europe, Australia, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and North America.

Last year the event hosted 1,500 people in Calgary at a picnic dinner, and it had a waiting list of 7,000, Edwards said.

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'It's just a difficult time'

The family of a man who went missing on Monday in Calgary's Sikome Lake said Tuesday they're struggling to make sense of the situation as the search for a body in the suspected drowning entered its second day.

"It's just a difficult time right now," Wahid Akhtari told reporters gathered near the small lake in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Akhtari identified the missing 29-year-old as his brother-in-law, Ali Shaikh.

Members of the Calgary Fire Department continued to search the lake Tuesday but, as of press time, had yet to locate the missing man.

Alberta Parks spokesperson Jill Sawyer said, if confirmed, this would mark the second drowning at Sikome Lake since the man-made body of water opened.

The lake will remain closed to the public until the search is complete, she added.

The prospect of draining the lake has been raised, but Sawyer said so far search teams have not requested that the province authorize the process.

It would take about five days to drain the lake and even longer to refill it, Sawyer said.

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London

Calgary-bound flight forced to turn back

British Airways Flight BA103 to Calgary was forced to make a U-turn and return to Heathrow Tuesday after smoke was detected in the cockpit.

An updated arrival time for the Boeing 767 in Calgary is 6:43 p.m. Wednesday. METRO

Fallout. Hailstorm damage pegged at $25M

Two hailstorms that hit north of Calgary have been classified as a catastrophe by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and damage is pegged at more than $25 million.

Last Thursday, Airdrie was hit with a thunderstorm that produced hail stones as large as golf balls in some areas.

On Friday, another storm swept through the area bringing heavy winds and hail.

Residents are still cleaning up from both storms and autobody shops in the area say it will be months before they can deal with the backlog of damaged vehicles.

The bureau says vehicle and homeowners should check policies to ensure they are up-to-date and cover their needs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Looking to do the unexpected.’ Pop-up picnics great for lunch

Get ready to laugh over your lunch hour, Calgary.

Comedy is on the menu Wednesday for Downtown Calgary Association’s pop-up picnic from noon to 1 p.m. on Stephen Avenue Walk, with Loose Moose Theatre.

“It’s something different for people to do over their lunch hour,” said Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Downtown Calgary Association. “We’re looking to do the unexpected.”

The association has hosted pop-up picnics over the lunch hour every second Wednesday through June and July. Wednesday’s event will feature three improv artists from Calgary-based Loose Moose Theatre to entertain the crowd, Schofield said.

“Primarily, people buy their lunch and bring it along or brown-bag it, pull up a chair, sit back and relax, and have a few laughs,” Schofield said. “It gives people a chance to sit outside and enjoy the sun.”

The deets

- **What:** Picnic lunch with free entertainment
- **Where:** Stephen Avenue Walk — 107–8 Ave. SE
- **When:** Noon-1 p.m.
- **Bring:** Lunch

The pop-up picnics have taken place in different locations downtown, from gardens to big public squares. Each has a different, fun theme.

“A lot of the buildings are saying, if you want to use our garden area, come on down,” Schofield said.

The next pop-up picnic takes place Aug. 27, over the lunch hour.

Admission is free, and the picnic will be beach-themed, Schofield said.

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Calgary auction item ‘truly out of this world’

Rocket-fuelled ride.
Foundation secures seat aboard XCOR Lynx

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Attendees of a Calgary auction next month will have the opportunity to boldly go where no bidder has gone before.

The David Foster Foundation has partnered with owners of the XCOR Lynx rocket plane and secured a seat aboard the pioneering aircraft when its space tourism program officially takes off. The seat will be up for auction at the foundation’s Miracle Gala & Concert on Sept. 27 on the campus of Calgary-based WestJet.

The event will feature an up-close look at the XCOR Lynx, as a replica of the aircraft makes its first trip to Calgary. Guests will be allowed to sit in the aircraft, have pictures taken and decide if they want to bid on a hours-long trip into orbit.

“It is a truly out-of-this-world auction item,” said Michael Ravenhill, the foundation’s chief executive.

The XCOR program is based in Mojave, Calif., and is seemingly one of two frontrunners in the race to send tourists into space.

The other, Virgin Galactic, is also based in the U.S. desert and has said late May it could begin tourist trips before year’s end after receiving clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The XCOR Lynx aerospace rocket ship as depicted in an illustration. The craft is expected some day to take tourists to space. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- If you want to fly on the XCOR Lynx, tickets start at $95,000. Michael Ravenhill with the David Foster Foundation said he expects the opportunity will net bids between $100,000-$200,000 at his group’s Calgary auction.
- A single ticket to the Miracle Gala & Concert costs $1,500, or you can purchase tables of 10 for $15,000-25,000. For more information, go to: davidfostermiracleconcert.com.

Lethbridge

Man charged with fraud after trying to cash large cheques

A Quebec man faces numerous fraud-related charges after trying to cash two large cheques at a bank in southern Alberta.

Police in Lethbridge say a teller refused to deposit the cheques into an account the man had opened the day before. Idriss Tetangmo, 20, of Montreal faces 43 counts of possession of a forged document. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black-market big game

Seven charged for illegally selling meat, fish

Alberta game wardens have broken up a ring trafficking in wild meat and fish in central Alberta.

Seven people are accused of illegally selling big-game meat and fish to undercover agents.

Officers seized 322 packages of moose and elk meat, worth about $6,500 on the black market.

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From Edmonton

Woman killed in 150-metre fall from B.C. cliff

An Edmonton woman has been identified as the person who fell to her death from a cliff while hiking in southeastern B.C. The British Columbia Coroners Service says 23-year-old Sarah Lamarche was hiking with a friend on Aug. 7 when she fell. The coroner says the woman was seen falling off the 150-metre cliff.

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‘Prince of Pot’ back home

Marc Emery. Despite five-year U.S. prison sentence, pot advocate continues fight to legalize marijuana

Canada’s self-styled “Prince of Pot” returned to a raucous welcome from supporters in Windsor, Ont., Tuesday after serving his U.S. sentence for selling marijuana seeds, vowing to continue his activism even if it means more arrests.

Loud cheers and large clouds of pot smoke arose as Marc Emery, 56, arrived in the border city after completing his five-year sentence for selling marijuana seeds from Canada to American customers.

Emery hugged his wife, Jodie Emery, who wants to run in next year’s federal election for the Liberals — Leader Justin Trudeau supports legalizing marijuana — then launched into a long, pro-Liberal speech peppered with prison anecdotes.

“I do believe that they are sincere that they will legalize marijuana,” Emery said.

“I know it’s the most uncool thing in the world to have to say, especially to young people, that voting is the answer, but it is. It absolutely is.”

Legalization of marijuana, which Emery said should include expunging the record of everyone ever convicted of a related offence, is the only issue in the next election that can have a profound impact on Canadians’ lives, he said.

“Critics say, ‘Well, Canadians are interested in far more important things,”’ Emery said. “I say, ‘What? What are you interested in? The economy? The environment? Health care? You can’t do anything about that by voting. No vote’s going to change that.’

“If we can get this Liberal majority government next year we’ll never need to go to the polls to make marijuana legal ever again,” he said.

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Marc Emery and his wife, Jodie, are surrounded by media and well-wishers as they walk near the border crossing in Windsor, Ont., Tuesday. Canada’s self-styled “Prince of Pot” has returned home after serving his U.S. sentence for selling marijuana seeds to customers across the border. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford Nation

T.O. top cop Blair files suit against Doug Ford

Toronto’s police chief has filed a defamation notice against Mayor Rob Ford’s brother for comments the city councillor made earlier this month.

Doug Ford suggested two weeks ago that Chief Bill Blair helped leak information that police were preparing to subpoena the mayor in an ongoing investigation as “payback,” although he declined to elaborate on what he meant.

At the time, Blair said Ford was lying and warned he was prepared to take legal action.

On Aug. 1, the Toronto Star cited sources saying police were preparing to subpoena the mayor to testify at a preliminary hearing for his friend Alessandro (Sandro) Lisi, who is facing drug and extortion charges.

Doug Ford blamed the apparent leak on Blair, calling it politically motivated.

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A woman takes a picture next to a makeshift memorial outside the home where 1980s TV series Mork & Mindy was set in Boulder, Colo., on Tuesday.
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Robin Williams. Police say actor and comedian hanged himself with a belt

Authorities detailed Robin Williams' final moments Tuesday, saying the actor and comedian hanged himself with a belt in his San Francisco Bay Area home.

Marin County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Boyd said all evidence indicates Williams took his own life. But he said a final ruling will be made once toxicology reports and interviews with witnesses are complete.

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This February 1950 photo shows actor Humphrey Bogart, left, and his wife, Bogart's partner off and on the screen. She died Tuesday in New York. She

Lauren dead at

1924-2014. Star of stage and screen, and Humphrey Bogart's partner on and off the screen, was among the last of the old-school Hollywood stars

Lauren Bacall, the slinky, sultry-voiced actress who created on-screen magic with Humphrey Bogart in To Have and Have Not and The Big Sleep and off-screen magic in one of Hollywood's most storied marriages, died Tuesday at age 89.

Bacall, whose long career brought two Tonys and a special Oscar, died in New York. The managing partner of the Humphrey Bogart Estate, Robbert J.F. de Klerk, said that Bacall died at home, but declined to give further details.

She was among the last of the old-fashioned Hollywood stars and her legend, and the legend of "Bogie and Bacall" — the hard-boiled couple who could fight and make up with the best of them — started almost from the moment she appeared on screen. A fashion model and bit-part New York actress before moving to Hollywood at 19, Bacall achieved immediate fame in 1944 with one scene in

Study

Sierra Club alarmed by low calving rates of blue whales in Gulf of St. Lawrence

The Sierra Club Canada says a study of the blue whale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence indicates alarmingly low calving rates for the endangered species.

The organization says the non-profit Mingan Island Cetacean Study has followed blue whale populations in eastern Canada, the Sea of Cortez and in the waters of Iceland for the past 35 years and has identified 475 individual whales.

The study says that population has only produced 22 calves.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans estimates there are fewer than 250 adult blue whales left in the northwest Atlantic population today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lauren Bacall, at the Stork Club in New York. The sultry-voiced actress was was 89. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bacall age 89

her first film, To Have and Have Not.

Leaving Bogart's hotel room, she murmured: "You don't have to say anything, and you don't have to do anything. Not a thing. Oh, maybe just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."

She was less than half Bogart's age, yet as wise and as jaded as him. Her sly glance, with chin down and eyes raised, added to her fame; she was nicknamed "The Look." Bogart and Bacall married amid headlines in 1945, and they co-starred in three more films, The Big Sleep (1946), Dark Passage (1947) and Key Largo (1948). Their marriage lasted until Bogart's death in 1957.

She appeared in movies for more than a half-century, but not until 1996 did she receive an Academy Award nomination — as supporting actress for The Mirror Has Two Faces. She lost to Juliette Binoche.

She finally got a statuette in November 2009 when she was presented with a special Oscar at the movie academy's new Governors Awards gala.

When the American Film Institute compiled its list of screen legends in 1999, Bacall ranked No. 20 on the roster of 25 actresses. Bogart topped the list of actors.

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New York

New law closes the shutter on popular 'tiger selfies'

Men in New York will have to find new ways to attract mates now that it's illegal to pose for photos with a tiger, lion or other big cat — a practice popular on online dating sites but denounced by wildlife advocates as potentially dangerous to both man and beast.

A law signed this week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo prohibits direct contact between members of the public and big cats at travelling animal shows and fairs. Animal exhibitors would face fines for each violation.

So-called "tiger selfies" have emerged as popular profile photos on online dating sites, with users — generally young men — looking to stand out by posting a photo of themselves with the dangerous predators.

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Use of untested Ebola drugs ethical: WHO

The use of untested Ebola treatments to help quell the current outbreak in West Africa is ethical, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

But the Geneva-based global health agency said countries that use experimental treatments have a moral obligation to collect data so the world can learn what works — and which treatments to stop using, if any turn out to be unsafe.

The statement came following a daylong meeting Monday of an expert panel that the WHO convened to advise it on the thorny ethical issues of using experimental drugs in this outbreak. It was composed of ethicists — including University of Toronto professor Dr. Ross Upshur — a representative of a patient advocacy group and others.

While the statement may clear the way for additional use of experimental Ebola products, it made no reference to the fact that there are barely any supplies of any of them in stock. Making clinical-grade experimental drugs is costly, and in the early stages of drug development, companies generally only make small batches.

On Monday afternoon, LeafBio of San Diego, Calif., the company developing ZMapp, the product given to two American workers who contracted Ebola in Liberia, said it had exhausted its supply, components of which were created at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

It was reported that a treatment course was obtained for an infected Spanish priest who was taken to Madrid for care. The priest, Miguel Pajares, 75, died Tuesday. The hospital where he was treated would not reveal if he had been given ZMapp before he died.

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Egypt presents plan to end Gaza conflict: Officials

Deadline for current ceasefire looms.
Plan leaves room for negotiation later on

Egypt presented a proposed ceasefire to Israel and Hamas aimed at ending the month-long war, Palestinian officials said early Wednesday after negotiators huddled for a second day of talks.

Palestinian officials told The Associated Press Wednesday that Egypt's proposal calls for an easing to parts of the Israeli blockade of Gaza. Key areas of disagreement, however, including the Islamic militant group Hamas' demand for a full lifting of the blockade and Israeli calls for Hamas to disarm, are left to later negotiations.

The Palestinian officials spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the negotiations with the media.

One of the Palestinian officials who spoke to AP said that according to the Egyptian proposal, the blockade would be lifted gradually over time.

He said it would stipulate that Israel would end airstrikes on militants, and a 500-metre buffer zone next to the Gaza and Israel frontier would be reduced over time.

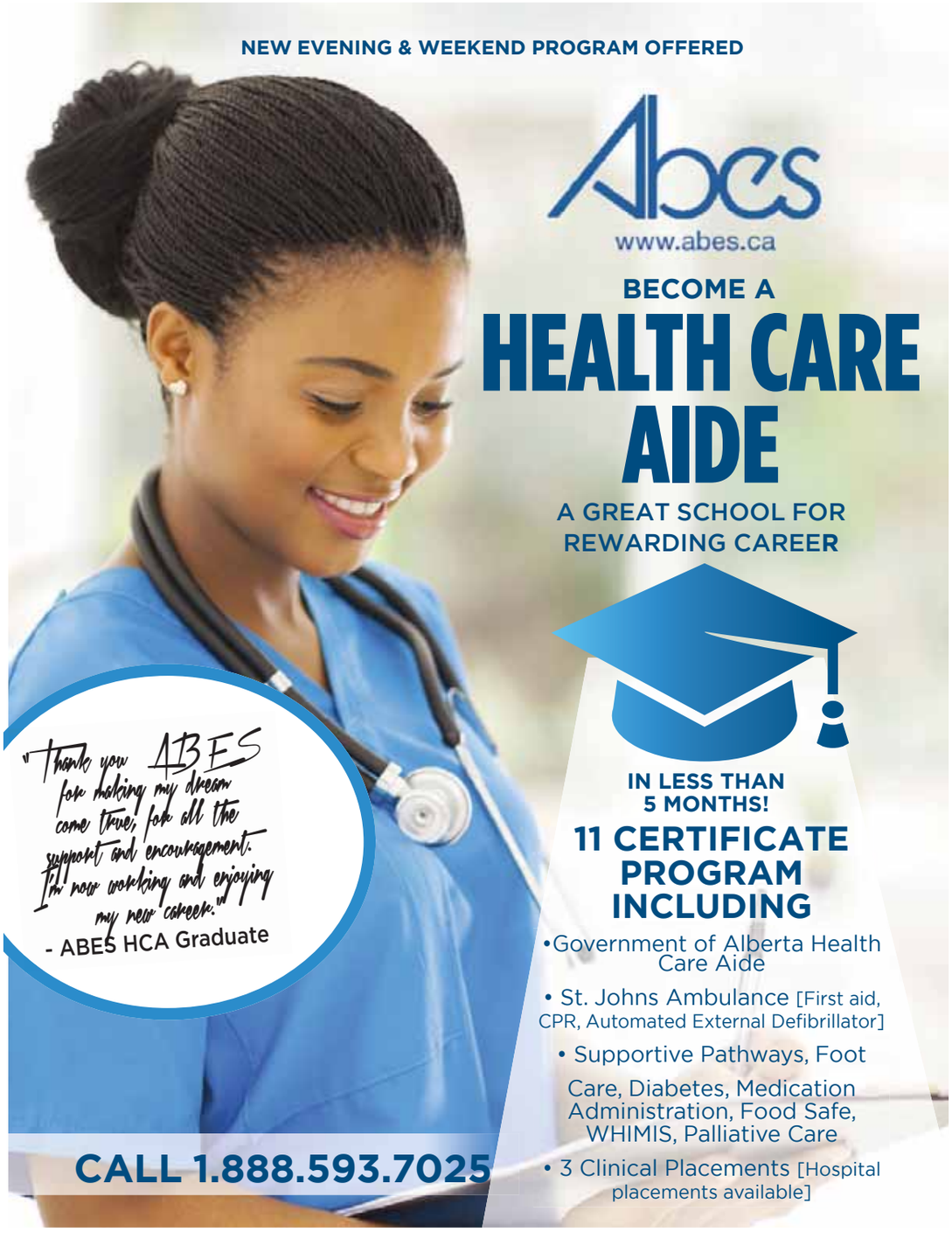
The Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams retired after 10 hours of discussions and resume the talks on Wednesday, the officials said. The current ceasefire is set to expire at midnight. It was not immediately clear if either side would accept the deal.

"The talks are difficult but serious," wrote Moussa Abu Marzouk, head of the Hamas delegation, on his Facebook page.

Another member of the Palestinian delegation reported Israel had offered a number of gestures aimed at improving life for Gaza's residents, including an increase in the number of trucks permitted to deliver goods into the territory from Israel each day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casualties

The month-long Gaza war has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, according to Palestinian and UN officials. In Israel, 67 people have been killed — of those, all but three have been soldiers.



Petition urges arrest of 'ivory kingpin' of Kenya

In this 2013 photo, a Maasai boy and his dog stand near the skeleton of an elephant killed by poachers outside of Arusha, Tanzania. On Tuesday, Wildlife Direct chief executive Paula Kahumbu delivered a petition with nearly 400 signatures to Kenya's inspector general of police urging the arrest of what her group says is the "ivory kingpin" of Kenya.

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Scrutiny

Aid must be delivered by Red Cross, Ukraine says

With a theatrical flourish, Russia on Tuesday dispatched hundreds of trucks covered in white tarps and sprinkled with holy water on a mission to deliver aid to a desperate rebel-held zone in eastern Ukraine.

The televised sight of the miles-long convoy sparked a show of indignation from the government in Kyiv, which insisted any aid must be delivered by the international Red Cross. Ukraine and the West have openly expressed concern that Moscow intends to use the cover of a humanitarian operation to embark on a military incursion in support of pro-Russia separatists.

Officials with both the International Committee of the Red Cross and Ukraine's government said, however, that they had no information about what the trucks were carrying or where they were headed. A Ukrainian security spokesman said the convoy was being managed by the Russian army and could not be allowed into the country.

The government in Kyiv said the Russian trucks could unload their contents at the border and transfer the aid to vehicles leased by the ICRC. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the convoy hit the road only after Ukraine had given the green light. "We have received a note expressing the Ukrainian side's readiness to accept the aid." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Consumers drink up wacky waters

H2Oh my. Waters, from coconut to maple to birch, are quenching the thirst for pop alternatives

Coconut water, maple water, even birch and cactus waters ... A quick inventory of beverages in the produce section makes it clear — plant waters are rising.

Soda and non-fresh juice sales are flat or slipping slightly, but sales of plant-based products like coconut water — along with other alternative beverages such as kombucha and tea-based drinks — are growing, particularly those sold alongside your fruits and veggies, according to data compiled by market research firm Nielsen.

Introduced several years ago, coconut water has been big for a while. Maple water is a newer entry and is essentially maple sap, the stuff that normally is boiled down to syrup. Brands include Vertical Water and SEVA. And that's not the only tree water on the market. There's also birch water and, on the plant side, cactus, barley and artichoke waters.

Sales of all waters, including the new products, "fitness" and enhanced waters, as well as regular sparkling and still, grew four per cent by value and nearly seven per cent by volume since July 2013.

Coconut water is not yet being tracked specifically, but totals for beverages in the produce department, which is where much coconut water is sold, showed double-digit growth. The value jump for all produce section beverages — which includes smoothies, fresh juices and teas as well as water — was nearly 13 per cent.

Why the sudden thirst? Nutrition expert and registered dietitian Tina Ruggiero sees it as a trend driven by the beverage industry's desire to find the next big thing, as well as consumers' interest in finding natural alternatives to soda. "This natural beverage market just presents a tremendous opportunity," she says. "There is a fight to create the next bestselling natural water."

All of the brands promise unique nutrition benefits, but Ruggiero advises clients to read labels carefully, beware of the hype and watch for calorie content. Chocolate "healthy" waters may not be any better for you than some other sweetened drink.

Plant waters are fine for recreational athletes, i.e. people who exercise less than 90 minutes a day, says Ruggiero. On the other hand, you're also fine with good old tap water — which is much, much cheaper — and maybe a banana and/or some salted pretzels.

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American airport taking greener route to solving deadly bird-strikes problem

An Ohio airport is experimenting with a new, gentler way to avoid bird strikes: planting tall prairie grass. Heavy birds like Canada geese — which caused US Airways Flight 1549 to force-land in the Hudson River in 2009 in the so-called Miracle on the Hudson — are believed to avoid long grasses because they fear predators might be hiding within. Dayton International Airport hopes to complete planting the tall prairie grass under the takeoff and landing paths by the end of this year. PHIL INGLIS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Robin Williams killed himself Monday, and I would like to believe that before he did it, he went through one last funny little monologue in his head about killing yourself on a Monday.

Maybe he wove a spell of threads and ideas about Stormy Monday or how the Geldof family didn't like Mondays either or how — here's the point — Tuesday's just the same. And faced with that, he killed himself.

It's impossible to believe that, no matter how depressed or addicted or stressed or whatever he was, his magnificent, improvising mind ever failed to rise to the challenge of the material, even if it was his own death at his own hand.

I didn't know Robin Williams, but he spoke to me. He spoke to me as Mrs. Doubtfire, as Mork from Ork, as Peter Pan vs. Hook. As that ridiculous penguin in Happy Feet. He spoke to me as Oliver Sacks in Awakenings or Dr. Sean Maguire in Good Will Hunting, as Adrian Cronauer in …

Goooooooooood Morning Vietnam!

He spoke to me as the raving, brilliant, preposterous standup comedian who, with Craig Ferguson as his accomplice, could spend 12 minutes wringing all the comic possibilities out of the word "chlamydia."

Even better, he could make golf funny in ways Bob Hope never imagined.

He spoke to me as the virtuoso genie from Aladdin, the high-water mark of Disney animation.

Most of all, regardless of the role, he spoke the truth. No one was more subversive than Robin Williams because he was immune to censorship.

He was too funny. He made the censors laugh.

He couldn't help himself. He'd turn up on one of those cookie-cutter late-night talk shows where everyone is all glib charm, and turn his guest spot, sandwiched between commercials, into a tour de force of the truth. Whatever the topic — sex, acting, addiction (especially his own) — he made it real. And very funny.

He couldn't help himself: No one could stop him, so he stopped himself. So in the wake of the most glorious noise, the silence is deafening.

Except for this: a scene from the 1989 movie Dead Poets Society, where Williams is John Keating, an idealistic young teacher who brings the truth of poetry to young men at an uptight boarding school. Keats is quoting Whitman: "Oh me! Oh life! Of the questions of these recurring. Of the endless trains of the faithless, of cities fill'd with the foolish. What good amid these, O me, O life? Answer. That you are here — that life exists and identity. That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.

"What will your verse be?"

Thank you, Robin, for asking the question, even if the answer escaped your grasp.

FOR SALE

Boon Island Light Station sits in the Gulf of Maine off the coast of York.
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Lighthouse could maybe still be yours … if you dare

The U.S. government says it will push back the closing time of an auction on New England's tallest lighthouse.

The Boon Island Light Station is up for auction until Wednesday. Ten bidders have made offers with a top bid of $41,000 US. It may be extended again.

Talk of building a lighthouse on Boon Island dates back as early as 1710 when a ship ran aground on the barren outcrop that makes up the island. The crew were forced to resort to cannibalism before being rescued.

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Island living

"Eight or nine miles out, in plain sight, Boon Island lifts its solitary shaft aloft like an 'eternal exclamation mark' to the temerity of its builders. There is no comfortable dwelling on that lonely rock, over which storms sweep unchecked. The tower is itself both house and home to the watchmen of the sea, and in great gales a prison from which there is no escape until the return of fine weather." **Samuel Adams Drake,** writing in The Pine Tree Coast, 1891

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Discover Pyongyang

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Toronto-born JT Singh teamed up with flow-motion videographer Rob Whitworth and tour operator Koryo Tours to provide a rather stunning look at a day in the life of Pyongyang, North Korea. Obviously, there are some extremely tight restrictions on filming in North Korea — even in the showcase capital — and the people involved in the project were dutifully watched over by guides employed by a shockingly cruel reign. But glimpses into North Korea are still very rare, especially ones so beautifully shot. (JT Singh/Vimeo)

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‘O Captain! My Captain!’

Shazbot. Remembering the wildly funny and outsized talent of Robin Williams who has us all standing on our desks

IN FOCUS
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The first time I saw Robin Williams was on 90 Minutes Live with Peter Gzowski, a Canadian late–night talk show that aired from 1976 to 1978. Thirty five years later I can still remember the frantic burst of energy that emanated from my television late that Friday night.

Gzowski grinned as the comic careened through their chat, jumping from joke to joke, impression to impression, including Williams’s take on the world’s most intelligent child. “I find most adults very banal, but I’ll talk to you, anyway.”

“Where did you get that character from?” Gzowski asked, “Was it based on anyone?”

“Me, basically. As a kid.”

“Were you brilliant as a child?”

“Yes, and as a young man, too,” replied the impish 27-year-old.

The standup comedians I had seen on television wore suits and told one-liners. This was stream of consciousness, a wild look at a comedic mind that didn’t work the way I was accustomed to them working. For six minutes it felt like an alien had taken control of my TV, a life force like I had never seen before.

Appropriately enough, soon afterward he appeared as Mork, the E.T. from Ork, on Happy Days and his career was officially launched.

For the next 35 years, Williams was a constant on our screens, big and small. His first starring role in a movie, 1980’s Popeye, was met with critical scorn and weak box office, but Roger Ebert had praise for the star, calling William’s “perpetual squint and lopsided smile” completely convincing.

Moving from strength to strength he embarked on a remarkable run of films, earning the first of three Best Actor Oscar nods for Good Morning, Vietnam and winning an Academy Award for his work as an empathetic therapist in Good Will Hunting. A handful of Golden Globes celebrated his work in Good Morning, Vietnam, The Fisher King and Mrs. Doubtfire.

He leaves behind a diverse legacy from the laughs of The Birdcage to the drama of Awakenings to the chills of One Hour Photo, the seize-the-day uplift of Dead Poets Society and the ad-libbed brilliance of Aladdin. Every decade since that appearance on 90 Minutes Live has given us a memorable Williams performance, and he will live, on the screen at least, with three more films scheduled for release this year and next.

Everyone has a favourite Robin Williams character. For me its Parry, the treasure hunter in The Fisher King. It’s a funny, bittersweet performance in a movie that mixes fantasy and reality in equal doses. “I’m a knight on a special quest,” Parry says, words that could apply to Williams’s crusade to entertain in weird and wonderful ways.

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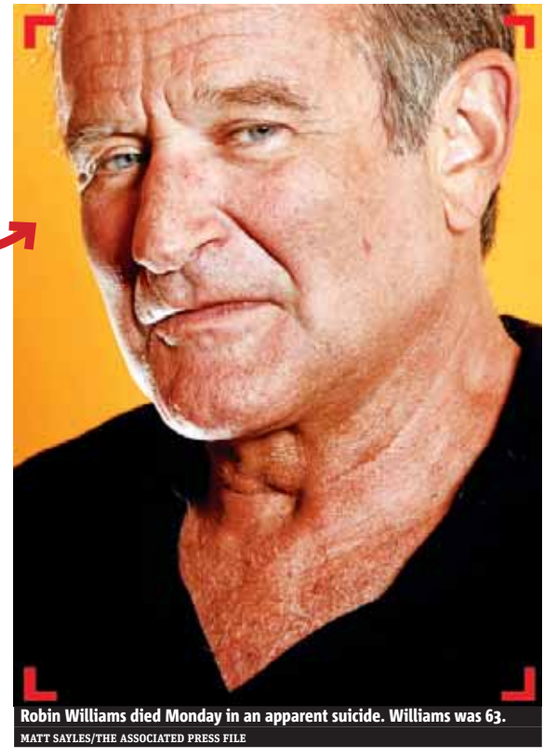

Robin Williams died Monday in an apparent suicide. Williams was 63.
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Always on a crusade to entertain

“I’m a knight on a special quest.”
Robin Williams as Parry, the treasure hunter in The Fisher King

Sly's final countdown isn't coming soon

Rocky road. Age ain't nothin' but a number for our favourite action hero, unless the Teletubbies are on TV

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Antonio Banderas and Sylvester Stallone share a laugh on the set of Expendables 3. HANDOUT

As head Expendable, Sylvester Stallone has never been one for too much humility, and given the success of his Grumpy Old Men with Guns franchise, he has no need to be. That can lead to some pretty impressive statements from Sly. Here are some of our favourites from his Expendables 3 press tour.

On whether he has considered retirement

"Why? I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day," he insists. "I'm just not ready. Remember in old Vaudeville, there was a cane that came out and snatched you off the stage? Well, I'm waiting for that. Until they just hook me off the stage, that's it."

On working with new, younger cast members

"I remember the first time I came out here. I was like these guys," Stallone ruminates. "I get on the elevator and there's Paul Newman. And you're not prepared for it. You think you're prepared for it. And then you wonder if they feel the same way about us. I'm sure they do."

On the departure of Bruce Willis from the franchise

"What happened with Bruce Willis? Well, things didn't work out and then Harrison Ford came along," Stallone explains. "It's just the way it is. It's nothing personal. It sounded like it got personal and I'm sorry it did sound that way, but it was just actors talking and things move on."

Going to the dogs

"I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day."

Sylvester Stallone on saying no to retirement

On opening opposite Sin City: a Dame to Kill For, which features Willis

"Oh, Sin City?" Stallone laughs. "I must crush you."

On aging in general

"Age is a state of 'old' mind. It gets to a point where if you get old enough you forget how old you are, and that's the best thing," he says. "You walk around, kind of like in a fog. So you really don't know how old you are until you find yourself watching The Teletubbies drunk one night and you're like, 'I'm really f—ed up.'

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Ashton nixes all-natural birth for Mila

Start prepping those Ashton Kutcher/Mila Kunis birth announcements, folks, because it looks like we're in the home stretch. "She is scheduled to be delivering in less than one month and she cannot wait," a source tells the National Enquirer. And if that's not too much information for you, how about this? "Mila was going to do an all-natural birth with no medications or sedatives, but she has been advised against this because she is such a small girl," the source adds. "Ashton will not accept this and refuses to see her in pain."

Mila Kunis ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

The Word

Paris not as bright as the button she's pushing to rake in $347K/hr

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Are Paris Hilton's retweets a form of protest or a sign of total self-delusion? Asking for a friend. OK, here's the deal: Word spread quickly this week about how much the hotel heiress and sex-tape entrepreneur pulls down for her work as a DJ in Ibiza this summer — and she's pulling down a lot. "She's making $2.7 million from the four nights — $347,000 an hour," a source tells the Sun. "The crowds do seem to enjoy it, but most are too off their faces to care that she's simply pressed play on a Beyoncé mega-mix." Or maybe their expectations of Hilton's abilities are so low that they're actually blown away by her button-pressing abilities. But that's beside the point. As versions of this story have been popping up online, Hilton has been actively retweeting them in a seeming act of braggadocio. Here's the thing, though: She seems to be missing the point that this is not being reported as a good thing.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

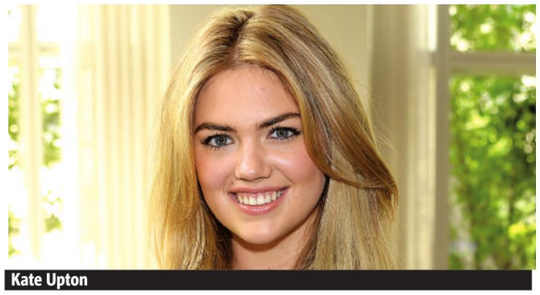
Emma a Stone's throw from replacing Michelle Williams in Cabaret

Emma Stone is reportedly set to take over for Michelle Williams on Broadway in Cabaret according to one of the cattiest sources ever to talk to Radar Online. "Emma is replacing Michelle in Cabaret at the end of November," the sneering secret-spiller says. "Producers are hoping it helps make them back their investment and stay open for another extension because Michelle didn't do the box office they were hoping for." Damn, girl. Anything else? Yes, actually: Apparently director Sam Mendes didn't even want Williams in the first place. "(Stone) was Sam Mendes' first choice, but had to drop out because Sony wouldn't accommodate the dates with Spider-Man 2."

Emma Stone

Kate Upton puts a Tiger in her tank, and the Yankees call dibs

Kate Upton is learning the hard way that not everyone is a fan of her new relationship with Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander — namely the New York Yankees. The self-proclaimed "really big Yankees fan" has caught plenty of flak from the team since hooking up with Verlander. "They specifically told me, the Yankees told me, 'You're not allowed to wear a Tigers hat. You're not allowed to wear any Tigers gear.' It's like a bad breakup," Upton said while sitting in as a guest host on Live with Kelly and Michael. "I'm sleeping with the enemy."



Kate Upton

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4. You probably don't need all three sizes of the same case.
5. Only buy bags that come with a good warranty.

DOUG WALLACE/METRO HEYS INTERNATIONAL

Trend

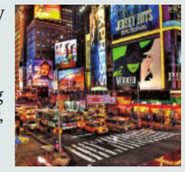
Bye-bye room service

TIM STEWART

Full steak meals on a silver platter? Not anymore. As fewer travellers seem to care about room service (research puts the amenity at only 1 per cent of hotel revenue), more hotels are opting out. Some hotels are teaming up with nearby eateries to drum up unique ways to feed the masses, with many offering a grab-and-go service. The Hilton chain is credited with getting this ball rolling. Their Waikiki Beach location lets guests order food online or via phone app. New York's Hudson Hotel and the Public Chicago both offer interesting brown-bag options. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Deal

2-for-1 Broadway tickets



This is so exciting you may just wet your velvet chair. Twenty-one top Broadway shows are offering 2-for-1 tickets Sept. 1 to 14 during Broadway Week. This year, new shows such as The Country House, This Is Our Youth and You Can't Take It With You will be joining award-winning productions Aladdin, Cabaret, Les Misérables and more. This half-price deal beats standing in line all afternoon at the TKTS booth when you could be shopping. On sale Aug. 18. Visit this website: www.nycgo.com/broadwayweek DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Atlantic City: Not just for gamblers anymore

City tries to woo gay tourists

As the New Jersey resort town of Atlantic City struggles to find a new identity and new sources of revenue, the city is once again wooing gay tourists with vigour.

Atlantic City is planning a series of events to attract gay tourists, who are becoming an increasingly important part of the resort's growth strategy.

"Atlantic City had its heyday with the gay population on New York Avenue," said the city's openly gay mayor Don Guardian earlier this year. "This is where you came when you wanted to have a good time. Straight people came to these places, too, because they wanted to party and dance in the hottest clubs."

But when casino gambling began in 1978, soaring land prices pushed out many small gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses.

Events aimed at the gay community this year include the StandOUT Expo, a networking event in September for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community, and the Miss'd America Pageant, a drag spoof of the famous pageant, also in September. The mayor also dedicated a gay-friendly beach in Atlantic City at Park Place near Bally's, but says the entire city is gay-friendly.

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Las Vegas

Atlantic City takes a swing at golf tourists

Beyond casinos. Luring players to the town's links is all part of a $30-million plan to showcase the different activities this destination has to offer

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Twisted Dune Golf Club boasts a great layout and is within driving distance of the city. COURTESY TWISTED DUNE GOLF CLUB

Atlantic City is doubling down on golf.

Back when casinos along the famous Boardwalk were booming, the 20 public courses on this stretch of the south New Jersey coast went almost unnoticed. But the recession and stiff competition from dozens of new casinos throughout the U.S. northeast have slashed revenues and changed the city's tourism focus.

Golf and other non-gaming attractions such as shopping, dining, concerts and amusement parks are being heavily promoted as part of a $30-million 'DO AC' marketing campaign.

The game's local roots date to the 1887 opening of the Atlantic City Country Club, which still ranks as the area's marquee course. Native grasses and tidal marshes define a classic layout originally designed by Willie Park Jr., the British Open champion in 1887 and 1889.

Six USGA championships have been played here, but the club's real claim to fame is as the birthplace of the golf term "birdie" in 1903. Frequent celebrity visitors have included Bob Hope, boxing champion Joe Louis and Arnold Palmer, who made it his home course while serving nearby in the Coast Guard in the 1950s.

Other top layouts within an easy drive of Atlantic City include Twisted Dune Golf Club, Shore Gate Golf Club, McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, Harbor Pines Golf Club, Sand Barrens Golf Club, Running Deer Golf Club and Blue Heron Pines Golf Club.

At the Vineyards, golfers play through the grounds of Renault Winery, established in 1864 and one of the oldest wineries in the United States.

And the fairways of Seaview Golf Resort's venerable Bay Course — the host of the LPGA Tour's Shop-Rite Classic and where Sam Snead famously won the 1942 PGA Championship — offer views across Reeds Bay of the casino towers of a city in transition.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has made revitalizing Atlantic City a key priority of his administration. New parks, art installations and landscaping have been added throughout the downtown area, and the Boardwalk has been cleaned up and opened up by the casinos, some of which once tried to restrict access to the waterfront to keep customers inside.

Bay Course offers spectacular views of the city. COURTESY: SEAVIEW GOLF RESORT

Opened in 2012, the splashy highrise Revel Casino Hotel has dramatically altered the Atlantic City skyline. The $2.4-billion resort is home to a Las Vegas-style concert space featuring headliners such as Dionne Warwick, the Barenaked Ladies and Natalie Cole.

Gaming industry giant Golden Nugget Inc. has taken over management of the former Trump Marina Hotel Casino, pouring $150 million into renovations. And Caesars Entertainment Corp. is investing $150 million in a meeting and conference facility at its Harrah's Atlantic City location.

But perhaps the best news — apart from the new focus on golf, of course — was the return last September of the Miss America pageant after six years in archrival Las Vegas.

The pageant, a local institution since 1920, is regarded as an important showcase for the recent civic improvements.

The odds on Atlantic City's recovery are looking better all the time.

For the family

Family-friendly options range from minigolf and paintball to the Atlantic City Aquarium and Splash Zone Water Park. But a long-time local favourite is Steel Pier, an amusement park that juts into the ocean from the boardwalk and has more than 25 extreme rides. Opened in 1898, the park is undergoing a $100-million makeover.

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Open air stays for the starry-eyed

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Get the full star treatment at this penthouse suite at Las Ventanas al Paraiso in Mexico / AFP

Tswalu Kalahari perches you high above the ground. AFP

There's no time like a vacation for taking the time to contemplate the night sky, especially with a supermoon and Perseid meteors set to be visible in some places this month. If the idea of observing the celestial bodies as you drift off to sleep sounds appealing, this selection of hotels is for you.

Tswalu Kalahari
South Africa

This private game reserve, located in the South African desert, allows nature lovers to sleep while surrounded by the sounds of the bush, all while contemplating the night sky. Guests can sleep on a luxurious terrace built high above the ground to ensure protection from the occasional wild animal. Prices start at around $500 per night. For more information: tswalu.com

Albereta, Italy

The Cabriolet suite in this hotel, a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux network, allows guests to sleep under the stars thanks to its retractable roof. At the push of a button by the bed, the roof can be opened and closed as desired. Prices start at around $615. For more information: albereta.it

Amangiri, USA

Located in the desert of southern Utah, this resort boasts no less than six open-roof suites. Each is shielded from the wind by three walls and provides an unmatched view on the vast desert sky. These suites also have a pool, for those who enjoy midnight swims. Prices start at around $1,500. For more information: amanresorts.com/amangiri/home.aspx

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, Mexico

Each of the penthouse suites at this luxury hotel has a wide terrace where a king-size bed has been set up. Guests can begin their evening admiring the night sky from their outdoor bed and end it in the other bed inside, or just stay on the terrace to watch the sunrise. Prices start at around $1,600. For more information: rosewoodhotels.com

Elqui Domos, Chile

A reference among astronomy enthusiasts, this small hotel park invites travellers to stay inside one of several canvas domes. Each of these unusual dwellings contains a bed under a roof that opens partially to offer a view onto the heavens.

Far from the luxury of the above destinations, the domes are simple and sparsely furnished but provide all the basics. Stargazers will also appreciate the dedicated astronomy observatories located on site. Prices start at around $150. For more information: elquidomos.cl AFP

This recipe serves six. While the kabobs pictured here are skewered, this recipe works just as well when the meat is shaped into a "hot dog." The choice is yours. EMILY RICHARDS

On a skewer, in a bun, or dipped — it's up to you

Pack a picnic. Metro's week of helping you to dine outdoors continues with this very versatile take on Ground Beef Kabobs

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Enjoy a fun picnic dinner with your family by making it less fussy and more simple to put together.

Using a few basic ingredients you can take something that's old and tired, and change it up to become a new picnic favourite.

These kabobs are made with ground beef, but you can use any ground meat your family enjoys, including ground turkey, chicken, pork or veal.

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If you are feeling a bit adventurous look for lean ground bison in local butchers to shake up your picnic recipe.

Get your kids to help out and shape the kabobs.

Whether they are served hot-dog style in a bun or straight up as meatballs, the best part is dipping them!

My kids like to leave the bun behind and dip in sauces or condiments you may already have.

Pick up mini potatoes, steam or boil them for about eight minutes just until they are tender, then put them on a kabob as well.

You can also roll the mixture into 24 meatballs and skewer onto small soaked wooden or metal skewers alternating with 18 grape tomatoes.

Other veggies that work well include two small zucchini, cut in chunks or 18 small gourmet button mushrooms. Either way, cook the kabobs as the recipe directs.

Kids and adults alike will love the versatility and simplicity of this recipe.

And don't forget dessert. With some fruit and perhaps a few marshmallows you can skewer up a sweet treat for the family.

Be sure to have some chocolate nearby if you want to dip into something a bit more sweet. Caramel, hot fudge or strawberry sauces will also match up perfectly.

Ingredients

- 454 g (1 lb) extra lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh coriander or parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground pepper
- 8 small whole wheat hot dog buns

1. In large bowl combine beef, coriander, garlic, cumin, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper until well distributed.

2. Divide mixture into 6 and shape each into about a 10-cm (4-inch) hot-dog shape. Place on foil-lined baking sheet and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Place in small hot dog buns and wrap up to go.

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While you may already have extensive skills using different social media platforms in your personal life, don't assume you can do well in an interview just by showing up.

Every organization has different goals and expectations of their social media presence, so it's impossible to predict exactly what kinds of questions you'll encounter in an interview.

However, there are a number of common topics that are almost certain to come up when you're interviewing for a role that involves social media. Planning to discuss these areas of your experience is a great way to get your interview prep started.

Your experience with different platforms

To be the in-house expert on social media, you'll need to demonstrate extensive knowledge of common platforms — and the skills to pick up new ones as needed.

Interviewers will often ask questions that pertain specifically to one platform or another, even posing specific scenarios related to social media use.

Personal use of social media is very different from business social media use. Make sure you research and understand the strategy involved with each platform, and be prepared to apply your knowledge to the employer's questions.

Tip: Your future employer has probably checked out your social media footprint. If there are major platforms you don't use very often (or at all), make sure to indicate why — and show that you still understand their role and effective use.

Stand out from the crowd by demonstrating that you're down with the very latest happenings in the world of social media. ISTOCK

Your initiative

Analyze the company's current social media presence and channels.

- Often applicants get so caught up in researching everything there is to know about the company that they forget this simple step.
- Interviewers will usually want proof you can improve their social media presence, as well as evidence of your genuine interest in the job opportunity at hand.
- Careful preparation can make the (somewhat sensitive) topic of improving their social media presence less challenging to address, and a great answer can make a significant impression

Tip: Start by pointing out things that the company is doing well, then add suggestions that would build on this success or complement their current strategy.

Your understanding of analytics

Providing concrete results matters in every role, and social media is no exception.

To show an employer that you're equipped for the job, you'll need to demonstrate that you know how to measure results, use different metrics to draw conclusions and make recommendations based on data.

When you discuss a specific situation, project or campaign that you handled in the past, don't just describe your ideas or how entertaining they were — highlight how you used data to guide your decisions and measure your success.

In your personal life, you probably don't use data to guide your social media use. In the professional world, understanding the numbers will back up that you know what you're doing.

Tip: Bring examples of campaigns or posts you have published in the past and the results they garnered (make sure to have some kind of comparison or benchmark).

Your writing skills

Some interviewers will ask you to complete an onsite writing test, or request a writing sample as part of the screening process.

The ability to function under pressure is a key social media skill, so you'll need to be ready to produce polished work on the spot.

Make a strong impression during your interview by bringing some relevant writing samples you can provide as needed. If your work has been published online, this is a great way to underscore your past experience and success.

If you don't have any published work online, starting a blog or personal website to showcase your writing is a great way to get started.

Tip: An organization's social media profiles will use specific language, phrasing and tone. Make sure you understand these features and can replicate them with ease.

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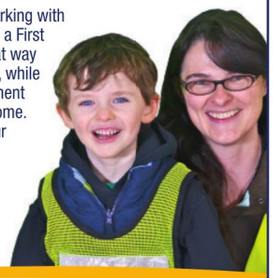

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You're only a college or university student for a few short years, then you are sent off into the wonderful world of work, work and more work.

Many students get so caught up in post-secondary education that they focus solely on classes and assignments, forgetting that this is a prime time to gain valuable experience that may help you land a job after graduation.

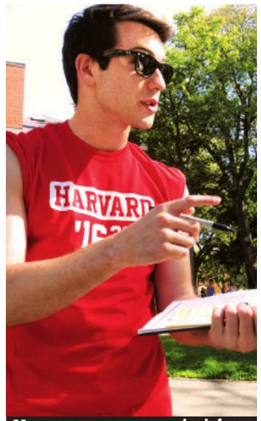
Why should you get involved? It's a great way to meet new people, network, and build your resumé. Here are some of the best ways to get involved on campus, wherever you are.

Check out your career centre

This is the optimal place to start. Most institutions have an on-campus career centre, which can help prepare an exceptional application, offer you job-hunt guidance and connect you with on-campus events.

Don't assume that the resources at the career centre are only for those close to graduation. There's value in connecting with the centre at every stage of your education and school-to-work transition.

Tip: A little intimidated? Make a list of some general goals you'd like your career centre to help you with. Then look for resources that match your interests.



Many on-campus groups look for staff or volunteers early. So start your search as soon as September hits. ISTOCK

Participate in clubs or associations

This is the best way for you to start getting involved, particularly if you're a new student (or a little reluctant to put yourself out there).

Finding a club that matches your interests or hobbies is a great way to meet new people and explore a personal passion.

Over time, you can move into a leadership role with your club, which can involve managing finances, organizing events and other activities that you can use as relevant professional experience when you're looking to land a job.

Tip: Can't find a club or group that interests you? Start your own. That's a great way to demonstrate initiative and leadership.

Join your student union

Your on-campus student union usually offers a number of ways for you to get involved. These opportunities can include part-time jobs, elected student positions and volunteer opportunities.

Roles in your student union often offer real responsibility — and empower you to make significant changes or improvements to existing practices, or develop entirely new projects.

This experience can be invaluable when you're preparing your resumé for the school-to-work transition.

Tip: Research where former student leaders from your school have gone after graduation. Reach out and ask them to share their insight. You'll likely find many of them used their student-union experience to land an entry-level job.

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SPORTS 4

Ray demolishes the Bombers in Toronto

Four TD throws.
Winnipeg picks up its second straight loss in Mike O'Shea's return to Rogers Centre

Toronto Argonauts' running back Steve Slaton, right, breaks the tackle of Winnipeg Blue Bomber Ian Wild during first-half action in Toronto on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ricky Ray threw four touchdown passes to lead the Toronto Argonauts past the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 38-21 on Tuesday night.

Ray finished 26-of-33 passing for 297 yards to earn Toronto (3-4) its second straight win for a four-point lead atop the East Division standings. The Argos won't have much time to relish the victory, achieved before an announced season-high Rogers Centre gathering of 18,106. They're back in action Sunday night, hosting the B.C. Lions (4-3).

However, it was sweet redemption for Toronto, which dropped a season-opening 45-21 loss in Winnipeg. And Ray engineered the impressive victory without regular receivers Andre Durie (clavicle), Chad Owens (foot), Jason Barnes (knee), John Chiles (hamstring) and heralded rookie Anthony Coombs (shoulder).

Winnipeg (5-3) suffered its second straight loss following a 23-17 home defeat to Saskatchewan on Thursday. It also spoiled Bombers coach Mike O'Shea's return to Rogers Centre.

O'Shea spent 16 seasons as a player and coach with Toronto, winning four Grey Cups, before being hired by Winnipeg in the off-season.

Ray cemented the victory with a 32-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Watt that rounded out the scoring at 11:35 of the fourth. Ray put Toronto ahead 28-21 just 58 seconds into the quarter with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Curtis Steele after Cleyon Laing recovered former Argo Romby Bryant's fumble at the Winnipeg 49-yard line.

Bryant had a 76-yard touchdown grab on the next series but it was negated by a hands-to-the-face penalty on Winnipeg. Swayze Waters' 18-yard field goal at 6:51 boosted Toronto's head to 31-21.

Nic Grigsby's eight-yard TD run at 6:32 of the third pulled Winnipeg into a 21-21 tie, set up by the Bombers recovering the first of two Steve Slaton fumbles at the Toronto 20-yard line.

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CFL Awards

B.C.'s Kevin Glenn named Week 7's offensive player

B.C. quarterback Kevin Glenn is the CFL's offensive player of the week for Week 7.

Glenn threw for 407 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score as the Lions beat the Tiger-Cats 36-29 Friday.

In other awards, Saskatchewan defensive end John Chick won the defensive player of the week award while Roughriders teammate Jerome Messam was named top Canadian.

Ticats returner Brandon Banks took special teams honours.

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MMA

Jones-Cormier fight postponed

UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones has injured his leg, forcing the postponement of his title fight with Daniel Cormier to Jan. 3.

The UFC announced the move Tuesday.

Jones (20-1) was scheduled to fight Cormier (15-0) at UFC 178 in Las Vegas on Sept. 27 in the mixed martial arts promotion's most anticipated event of the fall.

Instead, Jones and Cormier will headline UFC 182, in its traditional year-end show in Las Vegas.

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A's Jon Lester defiant against Royals yet again

MLB. K.C.'s winning streak snapped at eight games as its futility vs. left-handed pitcher continues

The Athletics' Jon Lester improved to 9-3 in 13 career starts against the Royals following the A's 11-3 win on Tuesday in Kansas City. ED ZURGA/GETTY IMAGES

Jon Lester pitched six strong innings and Josh Donaldson homered twice and drove in four runs as the Oakland Athletics beat Kansas City 11-3 Tuesday night, snapping the Royals' eight-game winning streak.

Lester (13-7) has won all three of his starts since the A's acquired him in a July 31 trade for all-star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes. Lester struck out nine and allowed three runs on six hits and two walks.

The Royals have won 11 of 13 with both losses to Lester, who is 9-3 with a 1.84 ERA in 13 career starts against Kansas City.

Donaldson homered in the seventh and eighth off left-hander Bruce Chen for his third multi-homer game of the season. He also added an RBI double in the first and a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Brandon Moss had four hits, matching his career high, as the A's banged out a season-high 20 hits.

Royals starter Jeremy Guthrie (8-10) allowed six runs on 11 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Salvador Perez and Lorenzo Cain doubled in the Royals' three-run fifth.

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Blue Jays

Encarnacion poised to return to flock

With one sweet swing, Edwin Encarnacion showed the Toronto Blue Jays what they hope to be getting back soon.

After missing more than a month with a strained right quadriceps muscle, Encarnacion is close to rejoining the Blue Jays in the middle of their playoff chase. Now on a minor-league rehab stint with the triple-A Buffalo Bisons, Encarnacion is one step away, and on Tuesday night he showed evidence of his progress by hitting a first-pitch, no-doubt grand slam. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Blue Jays resumed their series against the Mariners in Seattle on Tuesday. For the story, go to metronews.ca.

Man hug rule No. 27: Embrace CR7 when he extends his arms

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid celebrates with teammates James Rodriguez, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema after scoring the opening goal in the 30th minute of the UEFA Super Cup between Real Madrid and Sevilla FC on Tuesday in Cardiff, Wales. Ronaldo scored again four minutes into the second half in Real Madrid's 2-1 win. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a gallery of action from around Europe.

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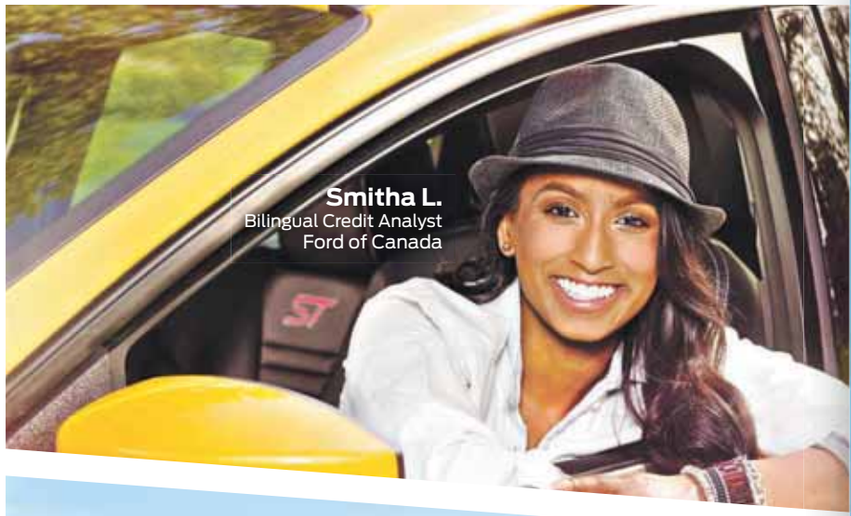

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Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats and Heated Front Seats (Model YFF), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats and Navigation (Model YFG), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation and Rear View Camera (Model YFH), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera and Rear Parking Aid (Model YFJ), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera and Rear Parking Aid (Model YFK), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid and Blind Spot Mirrors (Model YFL), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors and Rear Inflatable Seat Belts (Model YFM), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear 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Windshield (Model YFP), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield and Heated Wiper Area (Model YFR), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power 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Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Ford SYNC® with MyFord Touch®, Power Driver Seat, Power Passenger Seat, Power Liftgate, Heated Windshield, Heated Wiper Area, Heated Fuel Filler Door, Heated Exterior Mirrors, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Rear Seats, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, Power Liftgate and Heated Windshield (Model YFV), Escape SE 4WD 2.0L EcoBoost with Titanium Package, Panoramic Vista Roof, Navigation, Rear View Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Mirrors, Rear Inflatable Seat Belts, 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2015 Nissan Leaf

- **Type:** Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
- **Engine:** 80 kW AC electric motor with 24 kW Lithium-ion battery (equivalent to 107 hp)
- **Transmission:** Automatic (single-speed gear reducer)
- **Base price:** $33,788

Market position

Designed to be an EV for both early adopters and mainstream compact car buyers. Unlike its competitors, the Leaf was designed from the ground up as an EV. It is now the global leader in EV sales, with a 45-per-cent market share.

Points

- Maximum range of 135 km on a full charge
- Eight-year/160,000-km battery warranty
- Some provincial subsidies available for EV purchase
- Charge time (zero to full) takes 20 hours at 110 volts, 4 hours at 220 volts
- Drives and feels like a conventional compact

As a five-door hatchback, the Leaf is a very practical compact car.

Safety features

Six airbags, ABS, traction and stability control, tire-pressure monitoring system, anti-theft engine immobilizer, rear-view monitor, available 360-degree monitor.

DRIVE

Sowing the seeds of doubt

Review. Nissan Leaf EV may seem futuristic, but it looks, handles and is starting to sell like a regular small car

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A lot of folks, on both sides of the consumer/automaker fence, don't think this electric-vehicle thing has legs. Many automakers are sending mixed messages. Toyota has even announced that it's done selling pure EVs.

But you know what? New models keep showing up. The number of people buying and considering them is rising. And EVs remain one surefire way for automakers to achieve the very strict fuel-efficiency regulations coming down the pike in the U.S.

Net result: EVs have put down serious roots. So it's time to think of them as less of a novelty and more as just another alternative that may or may not fit your lifestyle.

When it launched the Leaf in 2011, Nissan went out of its way to make non-believers comfortable, with a modern (but not too space-shippy) exterior, and ride and handling characteristics similar to what small-car drivers expect.

Along the way, the company added a new, lower-priced base model and reduced prices across the board by $3,000. It also gave the Leaf a faster charger, which reduced 220-volt charge time to five hours from seven.

It took awhile to gain traction, but Nissan has now sold more than 125,000 Leafs around the world and is on pace to sell about 100 a month in Canada, where Quebec is the best market by far. Alberta? Not so much.

While recently testing a 2015 model, I was again reminded how normal this car feels. The only thing that separates it from similar gas-powered hatchbacks is its silent running and above-average acceleration. The electric motor offers the equivalent of 107 horsepower, but the instant and full torque of electric propulsion translates into good jump whenever you hammer the go-pedal.

Leaf drivers can even use the Internet or a smartphone to control air conditioning, set charging functions, and access data like the charge status of their rides. Like the Leaf itself, it's the future.

Compare

1 Ford Focus Electric
Base price: $34,407
Most direct competitor to the Leaf. Solid performer, but a slow seller so far.

2 Mitsubishi i-MiEV
Base price: $29,698
Least-expensive EV on the market. Comes up short here and there, but big on cute and green.

3 BMW i3
Base price: $47,768
Four-seater with more power, range (160 km) and sticker shock. Also available with a range-extender gas engine.

†Using a finance price of $24,715 for 2015 CX-5 GX (NVXK65AA00) at a rate of 2.49% APR, the cost of borrowing for an 84-month term is $2,242, bi-weekly payment is $148, total finance obligation is $26,957. *Starting from price of $23,715 for 2015 CX-5 GX (NVXK65AA00) includes cash discount of $2,000. The selling price adjustment applies to the purchase and is deducted from the negotiated pre-tax price and cannot be combined with subsidized purchase financing or leasing rates. As shown, price for 2015 CX-5 GT (NXTL85AA00) is $35,470. All prices include block heater, freight & PDI of $1,895 for CX-5. ▲With the lease or finance of a new 2015 CX-5, $500 Dealer Signing Bonus will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. ▼With the cash purchase, lease or finance of a new 2015 CX-5, a $500 Conquest Bonus is available to customers who trade in or own a competitive vehicle. Offer only applies to the owner/lessor of the competitive model and is not transferable. Proof of ownership/lease required. $500 Conquest Bonus will be deducted from the negotiated price after taxes. PPSA, licence, insurance, taxes, down payment and other dealer charges are extra and may be required at the time of purchase. Dealer may sell/lease for less. Dealer order/trade may be necessary on certain vehicles. Lease and Finance on approved credit for qualified customers only. Offers valid Aug 1 – Sept 2, 2014, while supplies last. Prices and rates subject to change without notice. Visit mazda.ca or see your dealer for complete details.

Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Tesla to add third model aimed at entry-level buyers

California automaker Tesla says it will build an entry-level model to complement its Model S and Model X electric vehicle lineup. A 2017 release date has been set. CEO Elon Musk hasn't revealed performance details, but says the Model 3 will have its own platform and will sell for about $40,000 in Canada. He told Britain's Auto Express magazine he expects the Model 3 to have a range of more than 300 kilometres and deliver performance "similar" to the current Model S. Rather than borrowing from the Models S and X, Auto Express says the Model 3 will be based on an entirely new platform. Tesla engineering chief Chris Porritt, formerly of Aston Martin, will lead the development effort. **ALL STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM.**

Now that the Model X is nearing production, Tesla is planning a third model, with a price of about $40,000.

BMW electric car a huge hit in Britain

It's official, the first-ever United Kingdom Car of the Year is ... German. The all-electric BMW i3 city car trumped the Best Supermini category, and went on to claim the title of UK Car of the Year 2014. Alternative vehicles have made a big impression on U.K. car buyers in recent years, said awards managing director John Challen, "and the i3 takes things to the next level. It might be a new direction for BMW, but the i3 successfully retains the driving characteristics from BMW's more established models." Runner-up was the Ford Fiesta ST, which won the best performance car category. A third-place tie went to the Skoda Octavia Estate and the Jaguar F-Type.

The BMW i3 is UK Car of the Year. The all-electric car was lauded for maintaining the driving characteristics of traditional Bimmers.

Shift points

- Tesla has opened its first Canadian Supercharger station in Squamish, B.C., on the Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler. Tesla's West Coast charging network now provides EV drivers the ability to run to Whistler from San Diego, says technology watcher, Gizmag.
- British publication Autocar recently drove a Mercedes-Benz E300 Bluetec Hybrid sedan from northern Africa to the United Kingdom on a single tank of diesel fuel; that's 1,960 kilometres without refuelling. The bone-stock car was fitted with the optional 21.1-gallon fuel tank.
- Volvo has developed a first-of-its-kind dual-clutch automated manual gearbox for heavy trucks that not only maintains even engine torque throughout its range, but boasts lightning-quick shifts for a more comfortable ride.

World's fastest production electric vehicle prepares for launch

Detroit Electric, the now-international electric-vehicle manufacturer, is finalizing dynamic testing of its SP:01 pure-electric sports car at a facility in Europe, ahead of its introduction into world markets, including North America. The maker of the lightweight, two-seat, rear-wheel-drive, open-top sports car says it will "thrill" the electric-vehicle market with its high performance and sports-car dynamics. The latest version of the SP:01 has seen additional development work carried out by Detroit Electric's engineers and designers since a pre-production version of the vehicle was revealed at media events in Detroit and Shanghai, China, last year. Further details of the car and of Detroit Electric's production and sales plans will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Detroit Speed SP:01 is being billed as one to "thrill" with its sports-car handing and speed.

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Don't even think about driving here

Lewis Hamilton may be able to handle hairpin turns and heavy traffic in Formula One racing, but pit him against Don't Drive Here's gonzo host Andrew Younghusband in the rush-hour bedlam of Port-au-Prince and our money is on the Discovery Channel's wheel man. Fill up on pulse-racing peril and congestion pandemonium on the wildest streets on the planet as Season 2 gets in gear Aug. 18 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

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→ Crazy commute. Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video trailer of Don't Drive Here's second season, in which Andrew Younghusband tests his skills on the hectic streets of six busy cities around the world.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

La Paz, Bolivia

If they filmed a sequel to the Nic Cage action thriller Drive Angry here, it would be called Drive Breathless. In this city, perched nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, prepare your lungs for some high-altitude driving. "It's the most hilly city I've ever been in. Everything is just up and down — there's no level surface," says Younghusband.

Tip: Beware of Death Road, an hour-and-a-half outside the city and as ominous as it sounds. It's a road chiselled into a cliff with no guardrail that slims down to only one lane quite often. "If you meet a vehicle going the opposite direction, one of you has to back up or else fall off the edge."

Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, Haiti is the subject of frequent travel warnings by the Canadian and U.S. governments, for good reason.

Aside from the high crime rate, rubble from the devastating 2010 earthquake is still all over the sidewalks, bringing pedestrians and commerce into the roadways.

Tips: "Stop driving," warns Younghusband, only half joking. "Get a taxi to the airport and leave. There is absolute lawlessness, chaos, danger and mayhem."

Rome, Italy

Those ancient cobblestone streets may add ambience on romantic strolls but they cause bone-rattling havoc for scooters and an uncomfortable ride for motorists. Their surface area is tough for your tires to grip, so cornering isn't exactly amore.

Tips: "Recognize that nobody cares about the rules," warns Younghusband. "People are going to cut you off and pass you in ways you may perceive to be illegal but they're not going to get in trouble for it. That's just the cultural driving style."

Also, don't panic if a driver threatens you with a derogatory hand gesture. "If someone shakes their first at you, just shake your fist back."

Fender benders are common in Rome, where it's legal to drive as young as 14. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

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Driving Force. From race cars to family cars, there are several ways to improve performance

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Whether it's to make a sports car faster, or for better performance in an everyday car, auto manufacturers often increase the horsepower in their engines.

In some cases, engineers will even tweak a single engine design to get a lower- and higher-horsepower version out of it.

It's a process that involves several methods, employed alone or in combination.

"Horsepower is the measure of work an engine can do," says Chris Nowak, senior manager of product development for Chrysler's Mopar division. "With any amount of fuel into the engine, it's how much useful motion I can get out of the car."

Most cars run on gasoline, but they mix it with large volumes of air and then burn this volatile vapour to create power. It isn't enough to just pour in more gas.

"At some point, you will saturate the engine and it won't run properly," Nowak says. "You want to add more air."

One way to do this is to add a turbocharger or supercharger.

These devices attach to the engine and force air into it when more power is needed, such as when you press hard on the throttle. The engine's computers respond by increasing the flow of fuel, which in turn increases the power. When extra air goes in, it has to go out to make room for more, so engineers also improve how the engine "breathes."

A freer-flowing exhaust system will still muffle the sound and reduce pollutants, but it reduces back pressure on the engine. Engineers carefully balance the air going into the engine with the amount going out.

Another step is to calibrate the engine by programming its control module.

"The calibration tells the engine how to mix the air and fuel, how much, and at what r.p.m.," Nowak says. "You could tune the intake or the exhaust alone, and that would give you an increase in horsepower, but the calibration is where you maximize performance."

Mixing and matching

"The calibration tells the engine how to mix the air and fuel ... The calibration is where you maximize performance."

Chris Nowak, product development manager at Chysler's Mopar division

Need for speed

- "Horsepower" was coined by inventor James Watt. It's believed he measured a pony pulling up a 330-pound coal bucket 100 feet in one minute, which was one horsepower.
- Engines also have torque, a measurement of the twisting force that eventually turns the wheels. A car with high torque will accelerate faster than one with low torque.
- Auto companies "tune" the exhaust note to give performance cars a sportier sound.

Some performance kits include a cold-air intake, which draws cool fresh air into the engine, rather than the hot air in the engine compartment. Cold air is denser, so more oxygen is drawn in, which more effectively burns in the combustion chamber to power the engine.

Race-car drivers substantially increase horsepower by rebuilding their engines with speed-specific internal components, but this can be extremely expensive.

Everyday car owners can buy add-ons, such as cold-air intakes or freer-flowing exhaust systems, to get more power at a fraction of the race-car cost.

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Driving Force. Forget the shady contractors; a quick and easy coat of sealant can help prevent cracking and fading

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Although some people prefer hiring a contractor, sealing your driveway is a fairly simple job to do yourself. CONTRIBUTED

A well-kept driveway will affect the appearance and possibly even the value of your house, but asphalt doesn't last forever. Water, salt, and leaking vehicle fluids can cause your driveway to crack, fade or soften over time.

Sealing your driveway can help prevent these problems, but many people are hesitant because they've heard horror stories about unscrupulous contractors.

"It's a preventative measure to maintain your property, the same way that you'd maintain your car or another part of your home," says Desmond Brown, a Royal LePage real estate salesperson and consultant for Canadian Tire. "When you see cracks, you have to get to them fairly quickly to stop the water from getting in."

There are several types of sealers available, most of which are an emulsion of different ingredients that can include polymers, refined coal tar, asphalt, clay, or sand. Although some people prefer having it professionally installed, it's a relatively simple do-it-yourself job.

As with any type of coating, the quality of the finished job depends on how well the surface is prepped. Use a broom to sweep away debris, and remove any weeds that have grown through the cracks. If there are stains on the asphalt, use degreaser to lift them off, and wash the driveway, preferably with a pressure washer.

The sealant will fill very shallow cracks, but deeper ones should be packed and levelled off with a crack filler. Rubberized fillers are flexible and better able to withstand stress when the driveway expands or contracts with temperature changes.

Once the driveway is prepped, the sealer can be applied, which should be done on a dry day. Tackling one section at a time, pour sealer onto the surface and then spread it evenly with a roller. Allow it to dry and cure according to the directions.

If you do get a professional to seal the surface, take the same care you would when hiring any other contractor, Brown says. This means not simply saying "yes" when someone knocks on the door and says he has some leftover sealer from a nearby job and will spread it on your driveway at a bargain price.

"If they're doing a job down the street, go down and look at that job," Brown says. "Look at other jobs they've done, not just recently, but a year or two back, and see how their work has held up.

"Be very cautious; you have no idea who they are. Their product may be inferior, or diluted, or they're trying to spread it as thin as possible. There are enough contractors out there who are reputable and will supply you with clients they've dealt with before you hire them."

Sealing the deal

- Concrete and interlocking brick driveways can also be sealed to help maintain them, either professionally or as a do-it-yourself job.
- Sealants and fillers can vary in quality and longevity, so be sure you know what you're buying.
- How long the sealant lasts depends on several factors, but it should be done again when the colour starts to fade, or you notice small cracks.
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
When talking with others today steer clear of emotional and controversial topics. The more people get worked up about what they believe, the more you should keep your distance.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you find yourself torn between loved ones and work today the best thing to do is to make a decision and stick to it. You can't please everyone.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The planets will help you make the break you have been dreaming of, the effort must come from you. If you don't make that move now, when will you make it?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may lose your temper with someone who lets you down and they deserve it. Don't feel guilty if you go over the top because that seems to be the only language they understand.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Disruption is likely but the good news is you'll have the energy you need to deal with it. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start making things happen.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't worry if you fall out with someone, because you'll be friends again before you know it. Everything seems more important than it actually is.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are unlikely to be tactful with people whose views and opinions you disagree with but that's OK because you are as entitled to your viewpoint as they are to theirs.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a rep for keeping your head in difficult situations and it's a reputation that will be called on today. Whatever it is that excites other people, it won't move you in the slightest.

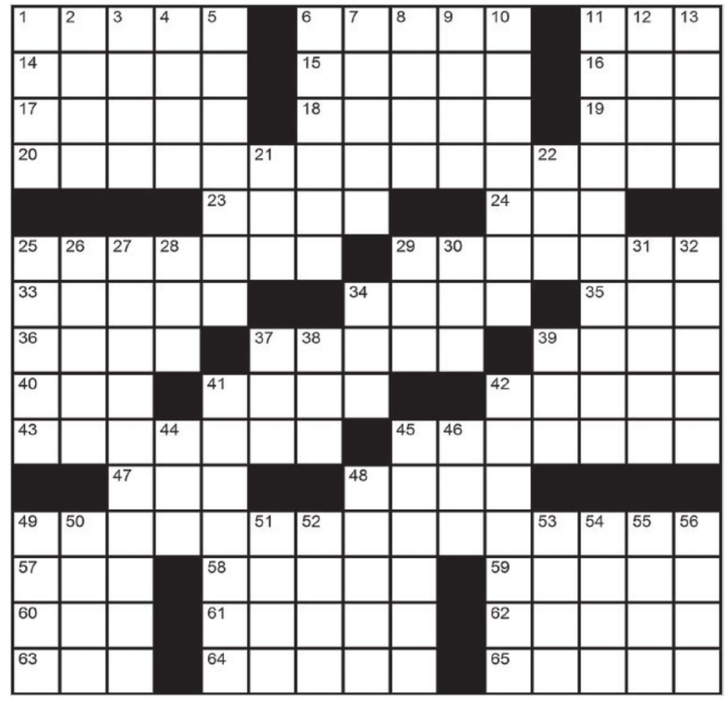
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A crisis has almost reached breaking point and what happens today and tomorrow will take it over the top. If a relationship is on the slide don't waste time trying to save it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will clash with someone over money today. Your instinct will be to fight to get back what is yours but after a while you may come to the conclusion that it's not worth the effort.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Others may be rushing around but you don't have to follow their lead. It's meaningless activity, designed to make lazy people look busy. Stay focused.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some things are worth fighting about, others aren't. Over the next few days get serious about where you draw the line.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. "Shopgirl" (2005) director, __ Tucker
6. Potpourri piece
11. 'Inc.' cousin
14. Canadian band, with Blue
15. Oft-quoted phrase
16. "Just as I thought!"
17. "The _ __" by Ed Sheeran
18. Mature, as a mango
19. Besmirch
20. Feminist icon whose activism resulted in Quebec women getting the right to vote in 1940: 2 wds.
23. Isn't able
24. Post-op locale
25. Miss Universe Canada, for one
29. "Do you __ __ tell the truth..."
33. More maladied
34. Pump points
35. James __ (Smashing Pumpkins co-founder)
36. Fibber
37. Nautical "Stop!"
39. Poker 'bullets'
40. Washboard muscles, commonly
41. Wild goat
42. Nero's 1008
43. __ stockings
45. Rapacious seabirds
47. 'Horri' or 'Terri' suffix
48. __-_-tat-tat
49. Product by #48-Down: 3 wds.
57. Simon & Garfunkel
58. __ Baggins (The Hobbit character)
59. Outlandish
60. "The Wonder Years" actress, Olivia d'__
61. "I'm a Believer" part: "What's the __ __ trying..."
62. Salary increase
63. Sea: French
64. Mr. Penn
65. Show ticket, informally

Down

1. "I smell _ __!" (Something's fishy!)
2. Actor, Chris __
3. "Zip-_-__-Doo-Dah"
4. So __, yet so far away
5. VIA Rail seating area with fantastic views: 2 wds.
6. Nanny needer
7. Proclamation
8. Spanish appetizer
9. Musical, Rock of __
10. Vanessa __, Montreal-born actress
11. __ __ National Park, in the Laurentians, in Quebec
12. Noodle dish, Pad __
13. "Oh, __ it!"
21. Diego's partner
22. TV brand
25. Rice dish
26. Suspect's story
27. The Glacier Skywalk observation platform in Jasper National Park has a what?: 2 wds.
28. 'Pamphlet' suffix
29. Emergency message
30. Soaking
31. Our opposite
32. Noel and Liam's band
34. Sales __
37. Mr. Vigoda
38. Verify
39. Standard stat.
41. "Drive" band from Calabasas, California
42. Ontario: Georgian Bay municipality
44. Trendy
45. Mr. Bateman's
46. Took in
48. __ Hood (Canadian baking brand, since 1909)
49. "__-12" (Vintage TV show)
50. Car mechanic's job
51. Get up
52. Entreaty
53. Lei-wearer's party
54. Ear-related
55. Bear in Space
56. Jackie Wilson's "__ Petite"

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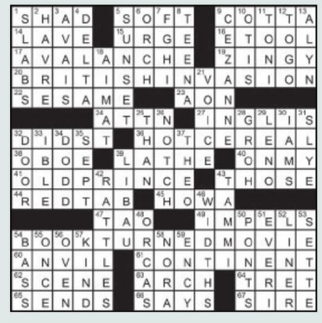

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		2	1		9	3		
6								4
3		9				5		6
			3		1			
4		8				7		2
9								1
		4	8		3	6		
	5			2			8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	5	1	9	4	8	2	7	3
3	8	4	7	2	1	9	5	6
9	2	7	5	3	6	1	8	4
2	9	6	3	7	4	5	1	8
5	4	8	1	6	2	3	9	7
7	1	3	8	5	9	4	6	2
1	6	9	2	8	3	7	4	5
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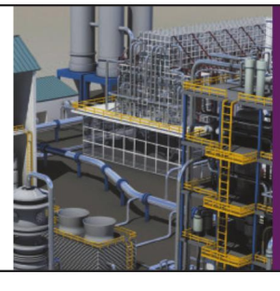

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